

Amendments to the Claims

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the above-identified application.

Listing of Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:
receiving a request for a function space at a digital processing system, the digital processing system containing an availability information for one or more function spaces at a plurality of remote properties and a set of pricing rules for one or more function spaces, ~~the set of pricing rules comprising pricing rules pertaining to supplementary sales,~~ the request including a plurality of criteria, wherein one of the plurality of criteria is a first date for using the requested function space;
determining an availability of the requested function space based upon the availability information and one or more of the plurality of criteria; and
upon determining that the requested function space satisfying the one or more of the plurality of criteria is available, automatically providing a real-time price quote for the requested function space based ~~upon the set of pricing rules, the pricing rules being based on a weight assigned to each of the one or more of the plurality of criteria~~ on the first date;
receiving a second request for the function space at the digital processing system, the second request including a plurality of criteria, wherein one of the plurality of criteria of the second request is a second date for using the requested function space;
determining availability of the requested function space based on the availability information and one or more of the plurality of criteria of the second request;
upon determining that the requested function space satisfying the one or more of the plurality of criteria of the second request is available, automatically providing a second real-time price quote for the requested function space on the second date;
wherein the first and second dates are different from each other;
wherein the real-time price quote and the second real-time price quote are different from each other.

2. (Canceled)
3. (Original) The method of claim 1 wherein the plurality of remote properties are individual hotels of a hotel chain.
4. (Cancelled)
5. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 further comprising:
receiving an acceptance of the price quote for the requested function space from the user;
and
establishing a reservation for the requested function space.
6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 4 further comprising:
receiving a rejection of the price quote for the requested function space from the user;
and
providing alternatives to one or more of the plurality of criteria in real-time.
7. (Original) The method of claim 5 wherein establishing a reservation for the requested function space includes allocating a function space of a specified category, the category specified by one or more category-related criteria included in the plurality of criteria of the request.
8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 7 wherein the category-related criteria include one or more criteria selected from the group consisting of attendance, event type, setup styles and area.

9. (Currently Amended) A machine-readable medium that provides executable instructions, which when executed by a processor, cause the processor to perform a method, the method comprising:

receiving a request for a function space at a ~~digital processing system, the digital processing system containing an availability information for one or more function spaces at a plurality of remote properties and a set of pricing rules for one or more function spaces, the set of pricing rules comprising pricing rules pertaining to supplementary sales, the request including a plurality of criteria, wherein one of the plurality of criteria is a first date for using the requested function space;~~
determining an availability of the requested function space based upon the availability information for one or more function spaces at a plurality of remote properties and one or more of the plurality of criteria; and
upon determining that the requested function space satisfying the one or more of the plurality of criteria is available, automatically providing a real-time price quote for the requested function space based ~~upon the set of pricing rules, the pricing rules being based on a weight assigned to each of the one or more of the plurality of criteria on the first date;~~
receiving a second request for the function, the second request including a plurality of criteria, wherein one of the plurality of criteria of the second request is a second date for using the requested function space;
determining availability of the requested function space based on the availability information and one or more of the plurality of criteria of the second request;
upon determining that the requested function space satisfying the one or more of the plurality of criteria of the second request is available, automatically providing a second real-time price quote for the requested function space on the second date;
wherein the first and second dates are different from each other;
wherein the real-time price quote and the second real-time price quote are different from each other.

10. (Canceled)
11. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 9 wherein the plurality of remote properties are individual hotels of a hotel chain.
12. (Cancelled)
13. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 12 further comprising:
receiving an acceptance of the price quote for the requested function space from the user;
and
establishing a reservation for the requested function space.
14. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 12 further comprising:
receiving a rejection of the price quote for the requested function space from the user;
and
providing alternatives to one or more of the plurality of criteria in real-time.
15. (Original) The machine-readable medium of claim 13 wherein establishing a reservation for the requested function space includes allocating a function space of a specified category, the category specified by one or more category-related criteria included in the plurality of criteria of the request.
16. (Previously Presented) The machine-readable medium of claim 15 wherein the category-related criteria include one or more criteria selected from the group consisting of attendance, event type, setup styles and area.

17. (Currently Amended) A system comprising:
~~one or more user input devices, each user input device to provide a request for a function space, the request including a plurality of criteria; and~~
a central digital processing system having a memory device, the memory device having stored thereon ~~a set of pricing rules and an~~ availability information for one or more function spaces at a plurality of remote properties, ~~the set of pricing rules comprising pricing rules pertaining to supplementary sales;~~ the central digital processing system ~~coupled to the one or more user input devices~~ configured to provide an first and second availability determination determinations for the a requested function space based upon the availability information and in response to receiving first and second requests, respectively, for the function space, wherein the first an second requests comprise one or more of the plurality of criteria first and second dates, respectively for using the requested function space, wherein the first and second dates are different from each other, and,
upon providing the availability determination, automatically generating first and second real-time price quotes ~~a real-time price quote~~ automatically for the requested function space based ~~upon the set of pricing rules, the pricing rules being based on a weight assigned to each of the one or more of the plurality of criteria~~ the first and second dates, respectively, wherein the first and second real-time price quotes are different from each other.
18. (Canceled)
19. (Original) The system of claim 17 wherein the plurality of remote properties are individual hotels of a hotel chain.
20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20 further comprising:
receiving an acceptance of the first real-time price quote for the requested function space
~~from the user; and~~
establishing a reservation for the requested function space.
22. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 20 further comprising:
receiving a rejection of the first real-time price quote for the requested function space
~~from the user; and~~
~~providing alternatives to one or more of the plurality of criteria in real time.~~
23. (Currently Amended) The system of claim 21 wherein establishing a reservation for the requested function space includes allocating a function space of a specified category, the category specified by one or more category-related criteria included in the ~~plurality of criteria of~~ the first request.
24. (Previously Presented) The system of claim 23 wherein the category-related criteria include one or more criteria selected from the group consisting of attendance, event type, setup styles and area.